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Honorable Ken Smith
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Anaconda Minerals Company

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please accept this letter of inquiry as to the status of our request for funding in the amount of \$65,000 for purposes of developing alternative management scenarios for the Pueblo's management of the Jackpile uranium mine reclamation project. During Assistant Secretary, Garrey Carruthers' recent visit to the Pueblo he expressed a very strong interest in seeing the Pueblo reclaim on its own upon reaching a settlement with Anaconda Minerals Company. He indicated that he would discuss this possibility with you at your next meeting on the subject. Anaconda, upon Dr. Carruthers' request, agreed to extend the term of their offer to September 1, 1984. This has given us a reprieve from their previous 4 June 1984 deadline, but we need to develop the scenarios with expert assistance which must be purchased. We must have something on which to base our future negotiations. The Council must have the best advice available before a decision is made to undertake reclamation on our own. I'm sure that as our trustee, you will appreciate the availability of the same technical data and conclusions in the instance that the Pueblo requests the Secretary's approval of a settlement agreement. I look forward to your response. Please call me directly if you or your staff have any questions.


Sincerely,

Vincenti Pedro, Sr.
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